

RACCOON HUNTING ON ONE'S DOORSTEP

**True of Southern States; More
Difficult in Northern
Swamps.**

SEASON OPEN UP-STATE

The raccoon season is open in New York State and hunting is permitted until March 15. No close season or long open season seems to be the rule of legislators when dealing with this sly animal.

Every one probably has heard about Davy Crockett's coon. To upset a good story that has attached itself to that courageous sportsman is not a pleasant task but truth must have away. The coon did not come down to "Davy" Crockett but it did come down to Cap-

Crockett himself would have it so for one of his aphorisms was: "Be sure you're right; then go ahead."

The first man missed. The second man asked for a try, and missed. A third tried and also failed to hit the raccoon who viewed the party with some complacency. When a fourth tried and missed, the raccoon became rather saucy. A fifth man tried and missed.

Capt. Scott and the Coon.

As he looked into the tree, he spied the saucy raccoon, now bold, and hearing the story of the others, he was offended the next shot. A-ke took a bead

"Who are you?"
"I am Scott."
"What Scott?"
"I am Captain Scott."
"Are you Captain Martin Scott?"

Down South, where the high price of cotton has resulted in an influx of automobiles, 'coon hunters take the sport in an easy fashion.

"cracker" does not leave his own door step. The dogs are sent out and perhaps an hour later the wife will say to the husband: "Fears to me, Bill, the old varmint's started a 'coon; he's coming nigher. Reckon you'd better git the shootin' iron."

Coon in the tree and comes back, usually after a short walk, with a 'coon for dinner.

Coon Dogs Plentiful.

Usually, however, much more effort is required to tree the 'coon than that.

As a rule a group of boys and me meet just after darkness with the dogs and they hunt through the woods and swamps, for the 'coon is a night war-

times an axe to cut the tree where the 'coon takes refuge. The 'coon is louttered by using a pine knot torch, the shining eyes of the 'coon being readily seen. A moonlight night is particularly a desirable one to hunt.

While 'coon hunting is regarded as the

common or garden variety of hunting it has its thrills and when at midnight stop is made and a fire built and the supper passed around the unique spot pays for the discomfort of night travel in the woods.

AMONG SAMOANS
*Rigid System Observed as to
Best Cuts of Flesh.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., FEB. 2.—William Churchill, authority on Polynesian languages and customs, was invited recently to taste the smoked shark prepared by the chefs of the Bureau of Fisheries. He pronounced it "the daintiest smoked fish of which I have ever tasted."

Writing to the Commissioner of the rigid system of etiquette which governs the Samoans in all the important matters of their lives, dinner standing high in the scale of importance, Mr. Churchill says:

"The flesh just behind the gill slits set apart for guests whom the host will honor.

"For the chiefs the tail and the bell parts are reserved.
"This etiquette of service probably represents a gastronomic selectivity therefore it may have some interest

PORCUPINE CALLED DELICATE
"Repulsive Brute" Makes Excellent Food, Says Editor.

Editor Lyman of the *Landsdale Reporter*, who conducts a "colyum" in the newspaper, telling of the dinner in

hunters did often tell me it was as delicate as venison and superior to the 'possum. This I did find to be true as far as the meat of the deer be concerned. "Of the gastronomic qualities of the 'possum, I am in ignorance, never having graced my plate with that delicate

"Be that as it may, a number of fellows did enjoy a royal feast that night and the repulsive brute in life did make some excellent eating. But one or two did seem more partial to the fried chicken."

States Change Bounty Laws.
Changes in bounty laws were made in Connecticut, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

AVALON, Cal., Feb. 2.—Capt. Tad G. of the launch Swastika landed an all core weighing 67 pounds. Previous this the record specimen of the Tuna Cl weighed 66½ pounds and was taken Frank Kelly of Goshen, Ind.